tary and serviced by the Secretariat for industrial Approvals.

Constitution of a Committee to deal with illicit drug trade cases

3038. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to deal with the cases relating to illicit drug trade; and

(b) if so, what is the composition of the Committee and how many cases have been decided so far by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under Section 68D of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, as amended by Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Act, 1988, the Government have authorised the Collector of Central Excise, Allahabad, Collectors of Customs, Delhi and Madras and the Collectors of Customs (Preventive), Bombay and Calcutta to perform the functions of Competent Authority, for purposes of forfeiture of property derived from or used in illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. A notification to this effect has been issued on 29th May, 1989, No case, as yet, has been reported where the Competent Authorities have taken decisions on forfeiture of property derived from or used in illicit trafic in drugs|substances.

Filling up of vacant posts of Junior Proof Readers in the Central Water Commission

3039. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some vacancies of Junior Proof Readers in the reserved categories of Physically-handicapped and Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes have been lying vacant in the Central Water Commission in its Head Office since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the latest Government policy, all such reserved vacancies should be filled up within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There are two vacancies of Junior Proof Readers available from 27-8-1982 and 21-7-88, reserved for Scheduled Tribe and Orthopaedically Handicapped respectively.

(b) and (c) In spite of repeated attempts no candidate belonging to these categories could be found suitable for selection.

Export of Peacock Tail Feathers

3040. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from trade bodies and elected representatives regarding the policy of export of Peacock Tail Feathers (P.T.F.) and whether the same is being reconsidered in the light of non-performance of last year's ceiling; if so, what is the final outcome;

(b) what is the number and value of 'Peacock Tail Feathers' exported from India during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 and what category fetched the highest units value realisation;

(c) what was the unit value realisation per hundred pieces during each of these years and the average export price realised during these three years; and

(d) whether it is a fact that tender system has failed in view of cornering of licences by a few parties and non-performance to the extent of 50 per cent and whether copies of unutilised export licences have been forwarded to the Ministry